ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in

37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under Ex

Parte Quayle, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible

for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been

timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicant's submission filed on 3/9/10 has been entered.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 26 are currently pending. No claims have been amended, canceled,

or added.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 26 are considered free of the prior art and allowable. See the Notice

of Allowance mailed on 1/5/10 for details.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 3/9/10 is in compliance with the

provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been

considered by the examiner. An initialed and signed copy of the 1449 is attached to this action.

It is noted for the record that the single reference, WO 96/20732, cited in the 3/9/10 IDS

teaches Sindbis viral vectors which in some embodiments encode viral antigens and the non-

traumatic administration of such a vector to a mammal to generate an immune response.

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However, the cited reference neither teaches nor suggests a prime-boost protocol where the

administration of a Sindbis viral vector encoding an antigen is followed by the administration of

protein antigen, nor teaches or suggests that such a protocol would generate neutralizing titers of

antibody.

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to

Anne Marie S. Wehbé, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0737. If the examiner is not

available, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Woitach, can be reached at (571) 272-0739. For all

official communications, the technology center fax number is (571) 273-8300. Please note that

all official communications and responses sent by fax must be directed to the technology center

fax number. For informal, non-official communications only, the examiner's direct fax number is

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